

400 Days Later: House GOP Still Doesn't Have A Comprehensive Jobs Plan

Tomorrow marks 400 days since Republicans took control of the House majority and have not put forward a comprehensive jobs plan to help put more Americans back to work. After promising to focus on job creation and economic growth [nine times](#) since taking the majority, House Republicans have fallen short:

When they took the majority:

Republicans [pledged](#) to focus on job creation: “*A plan to create jobs, end economic uncertainty, and make America more competitive must be the first and most urgent domestic priority of our government. So first, we offer a plan to get people working again.*”

What they didn't do over the past 400 days:

- Put forward a comprehensive jobs plan
- Bring the American Jobs Act or Make It In America bills to the Floor for a vote, despite having no plan of their own

What they did do:

- Voted for a budget that would end the Medicare guarantee and raise costs for seniors three times
- Walked away several times from taking meaningful action on the deficit in order to protect tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans
- Took our country to the brink of a government shutdown
- Threatened to default on our nation's obligations
- Repealed patient protections and put insurance companies back in control of health care
- Voted to restrict women's health care access

- Wasted time rolling back environmental and consumer protections – even though economists say they have no impact on job creation
- Protected unnecessary subsidies for oil companies making record profits

And it looks like they won't be changing course anytime soon:

Republicans are divided and appear to be ready to walk away from the American people once again, putting middle class tax cuts at risk. While they have no problem uniting around tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires, Republicans have shown little support for middle class tax cuts for 160 million Americans:

- **Rep. Paul Broun (GA-10):** “This payroll tax holiday is just a gimmick to try to get [Obama] reelected... This is bad policy.” [Politico, [2/5/12](#)]
- **Rep. Jason Chaffetz (UT-03):** “Tax holidays just are bad policy. A year is pretty short.” [Politico, [2/5/12](#)]
- **NRCC Chairman Pete Sessions (TX-32):** “Rep. Pete Sessions of Texas, who heads the House Republican campaign committee, called Obama’s plan ‘a horrible idea.’ He said GOP candidates would have no difficulty explaining to voters why they want to let the tax break expire.” [LA Times, [9/9/11](#)]
- **Republican Leader Eric Cantor (VA-07):** Cantor “has never believed that this type of temporary tax relief is the best way to grow the economy.” [AP, [8/22/11](#)]
- **Republican Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp (MI-04):** “I’m not in favor of that. I don’t think that’s a good idea,” Camp said of extending the payroll tax cut. [The Hill, [8/14/11](#)]
- **Republican Budget Chairman Paul Ryan (WI-01):** House Budget Committee Chairman Ryan “rejected the idea of making further short-term changes to the payroll tax” and called payroll tax cuts “sugar-high economics.” [The Hill, [6/16/11](#)]

It’s time for Republicans to get serious about Americans’ priorities: creating jobs, growing our economy, and extending critical provisions so that we can give families and businesses the certainty they need.